calmly, and experience as sound and refreshing slumbers, as though his couch was of down. Scott, in the Lady of the Lake, notices it as follows:—

"The stranger's bed
Was there of mountain heather made,
Where oft an hundred guests before had lain,
And dream'd their forest sports again.

The Cornish Heath (*Erica vagans*) is a very beautiful plant, and is found in Cornwall and Ireland. A plant very similar to the Heath is the Common Ling (*Calluna vulgaris*), a low shrub growing on commons and moors, and derives its name from *Calluno*, to cleanse or adorn. Sir E. Smith observes, that it is applicable to this shrub whether we consider the beauty of its flowers or the circumstance of brooms being made from its twigs. It is capable of being converted into ropes, and affords a yellow dye. It bears an extremely pretty rose-coloured blossom which extends up to the top of the stem. Grouse feed almost exclusively upon this plant, and the Erica cinerea.

"Flower of the waste, the heath fowl shuns
For thee, the brake and tangled wood;
To thy protecting shade she runs,
The tender buds supply her food,
The young forsake her downy plumes,
To rest upon thy opening blooms.

"Flower of the desert though thou art,
The deer that range the mountain free,
The graceful doe—the stately hart,
These food and shelter seek from thee,
The bee thy earliest blossom greets,
And draws from thee her choicest sweets.

"Gem of the heath! whose modest bloom
Sheds beauty o'er the lonely moor;
Though thou dispense no rich perfume,
Nor yet with splendid tints allure;
Both valour's crest and beauty's bower,
Oft has thou deck'd—a favorite flower.

"Flower of the wild, whose purple glow
Adorns the dusky mountain's side,
Not the gay hues of Iris' bow,
Nor garden's artful varied pride,
With all its wreath of sweets could cheer
Like thee the hardy mountaineer."

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Sir W. Jackson Hooker says, "this plant makes an excellent edging to garden plots, and bears clipping as well as box;" but the difficulty to get it to take root in some soils, prevents its being used for the purpose.

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